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Graham Carter
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Dear Graham Carter

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your three official information requests dated 19 October 2016. You requested:

- The name of the Director Compliance and confirmation if this person is a former FIB officer
- Dave Turner's involvement in establishing new marine reserves
- The requirements for anchoring of scallop fishing vessels and the role of your magazine in influencing these requirements.

You will be aware from the correspondence you have already received that Stephanie Rowe is the Director Compliance. If by 'FIB' you mean the Fishing Industry Board, this body was disestablished 1 October 2002 and I can confirm that Ms Rowe was not an officer of the Fishing Industry Board.

As Dave Turner is the Director of Fisheries Management, his responsibilities include MPI's role in the administration of marine reserves. Given the vagueness of your request, MPI considers it does not meet the requirements of due particularity under s12(2) of the Official Information Act.

I note that the regulations closing of a number of scallop fisheries to commercial fishing were enacted in 1999. Commercial vessels may anchor on their dredges in these waters but cannot use the act of anchoring to take scallops without being in breach of the regulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter McCarthy', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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